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NAS Memphis Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) Meeting Minutes

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Tuesday, 22 February 1994

The first meeting of the NAS Memphis RAB was convened at 7:00pm on Tuesday 22 February 1994 at the Millington City Hall in Millington, TN.

CAPT Willis (CO, NAS Memphis) welcomed those in attendance, introduced members of the BRAC Cleanup Team, and spoke briefly on the environmental program at NAS Memphis.

Mark Taylor (Remedial Project Manager, SOUTHDIV, Charleston) provided an overview of the environmental restoration program, the 65 sites in program, and the current status of each of these sites.

Clinton Willer (Tennessee Department of Environmental Management) spoke on RAB membership opportunities, the membership selection process, and membership responsibilities and expectations. It was noted that the BRAC Cleanup Team (David Porter, Clinton Willer, and David William) has the responsibility to select members for the RAB. The selection will be based on a variety of eligibility requirements which include, but are not limited to, the amount of time the applicant can spend in this role, the viability of the person to fairly represent any specific interest group, and the ability to communicate effectively with other board members. It was also noted that it was expected that a member be able to serve on the Board a minimum of two years, be an effective communicator, be a consensus spokesperson for the interest group they represent, and be technically qualified to present their interest group.

David Williams (EPA Region IV) spoke on the goal of representing diverse community interest (including radical environmental groups) and the difference between a RAB and a Technical Review Committee (TRC). It was noted that the existing TRC for NAS Memphis was being expanded into the RAB.

David Porter (BRAC Environmental Coordinator, SOUTHDIV, Charleston) spoke on the purpose of the RAB. It was noted that the primary purpose of the RAB was to extend the partnership effort which exists with the BRAC Cleanup Team to the community to provide a forum for the exchange of information, ideas, and concerns regarding the cleanup of NAS Memphis.

CDR Noble (Base Transition Coordinator, NAS Memphis) presided over the selection of a community co-chair for the RAB. Clinton Willer nominated Mayor Harvell, and it was seconded. All were in favor.

A question and answer period was conducted, and the meeting was adjourned.